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SUBJ: EXCERPS FROM SEMENOV/EARLE CONVERSATION AUGUST 16, 1977
(SALT TWO-1352)

IN A PROLONGED HEADS OF DELIGATION REVIEW OF THE JOINT DRAFT
TEXT, TWO COMMENTS BY SEMENOV MERIT PROMPT CONSIDERATION.

A. RAPID RELOAD OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS

REFERRING TO ARTICLE IV.5, I DEVELOPED ARGUMENT THAT, SHOULD THE
TWO SIDES FAIL TO AGREE ON CONTINUING THE BAN ON DEPLOYMENT OF
MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS DURING THE PERIOD OF PROTOCOL, SUCH LAUNCHERS
SHOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE SUBJECT TO SAME RESTRAINTS IN TERMS OF EXCESS
MISSILE AND RAPID RELOAD CAPABILITIES AS FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS. IN
RESPONSE, SEMENOV SAID THAT, OF COURSE, I WAS RIGHT IN PRINCIPLE IN
SAYING THAT WE SHOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH THINGS AS RAPID RELOAD CAPABI-
LITIES.

B. DATA BASE

SEMENOV COMMENTED WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE XVII, THAT EVERYTHING
SEEMED TO BE IN ORDER. I NOTED THAT MY ATTENTION WAS INEVITABLY
DRAWN TO THE FOOTNOTE. AT THIS POINT SEMENOV READ FROM PREPARED
BRIF, SAYING THAT, AS FOR THE FOOTNOTE, HE HAD THE FOLLOWING TO
STATE: "THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE QUESTION DEALT WITH IN THAT

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FOOTNOTE HAD BEEN SET FORTH REPEATEDLY. THE SOVIET SIDE DID NOT
BELIEVE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS, AND HE WANTED NOW TO REAFFIRM THAT
APPROACH. AT THE SAME TIME, HE WANTED TO SAY THAT THE SOLUTION OF
THE QUESTION OF DATA BASE AND EVEN DISCUSSION OF THAT QUESTION WAS
CONTINGENT ON THE COURSE AND THE OUTCOME OF THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.
AT THIS MOMENT, WHEN A LARGE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AT THE NEGOTIATING

TABLE WERE STILL OUTSTANDING, HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO RESOLVE OR EVEN DISCUSS THIS QUESTION. IT WAS NECESSARY TO MOVE FORWARD IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION, AND ONLY THEN WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER AND TRY TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION. THUS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, ON THE ONE HAND, THE EFFECTIVENESS AND RELIABILITY OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS IN TERMS OF PROVIDING ASSURANCE TO THE SIDES THAT EACH OF THEM WILL COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, AND ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CONSIDERATIONS THE SOVIET SIDE HAD REPEATEDLY SET FORTH HERE IN GENEVA. RESOLUTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF DATA BASE COULD BE REGARDED AS "DERIVATIVE AND CONTINGENT UPON THE COURSE AND OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HERE IN GENEVA. IT WAS PRECISELY FROM THIS STANDPOINT THAT SEMENOV WOULD ASK EARLE TO PROCEED IN DEVELOPING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS."

SOMEWHAT LATER SEMENOV SAID HE THOUGH HE HAD MADE A VERY IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON DATA BASE, AND ASKED ME TO GIVE IT CAREFUL STUDY. EARLE

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